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SUBJ: BILLITON BAUXITE TALKS COMMENCE

1. TALKS BETWEEN SHELL-OWNED BILLITON BAUXITE COMPANY AND GOS OPENED ON SCHEDULE DECEMBER 15, FOLLOWING AMICABLE RECESS OF SURALCO/GOS TALKS. ACCORDING TO BILLITON MANAGING DIRECTOR ANDRE BRAHIM, HIS EXCHANGES WITH GOS HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE THUS FAR - HARD BARGAINING IS STILL TO COME.

2. IN ADDITION TO DETERMINING AMOUNT OF BAUXITE LEVY, BILLITON/GOS TALKS WILL COVER RELATED QUESTIONS OF GOS EQUITY PARTICIPATION IN BILLITON AND FUTURE OF JOINT VENTURE (BILLITON/ALCAN/GOS) CALCINATION PLANT, CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH WAS SUSPENDED LAST YEAR FOR FINANCIAL REASONS. BILLITON HAS PREVIOUSLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT ITS INTEREST IN CALCINATION PLANT AND, INDEED, ITS CONTINUED OPERATION IN SURINAM DEPENDING IN LARGE PART ON GOS

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UNDERSTANDING ON BAUXITE LEVY. IF SUBSTANTIAL RELIEF IS NOT

OBTAINED ON CURRENT LEVY AND BILLITON IS UNABLE TO BRING ITS
PRICES DOWN TO MORE COMPETITIVE LEVELS, COMPANY MAY DECIDE THAT
IT CANNOT AFFORD TO OPERATE HERE ANY LONGER AND OFFER TO SELL
OUT TO GOS. THUS, GOS COULD BECOME INVOLVED IN OWNERSHIP OF
MAJOR RAW MATERIAL PRODUCING COMPANY THROUGH BACK DOOR.
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